(e) The 2nd meeting of the Sub-Committee has been held on 18th April 2007 for discussing the reports of various Working Groups.

Status of Polavaram Dam

3645. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Polavaram Dam;

(b) whether this dam will play havoc with the tribal hamlets of Orissa;

(c) whether for a few hundred farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa will be forced to bear an irreparable loss;

(d) whether this project is proposed to be executed in consultation with the State Government of Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Polavaram project is under Appraisal in Central Water Commission. Issues regarding Irrigation Planning, Hydel Civil Design, Cost aspect, backwater study and Inter-state aspects are yet to be finalized.

(b) and (c)As per Resettlements Rehabilitation Plan of October 2005 prepared by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, an area of 587.77 ha. of Orissa is likely to be submerged. The population likely to be affected is 6316. However, the above figures are to be confirmed by conducting a joint survey by the State Governments.

(d) and (e) The project is to be executed in accordance with Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal Award and Inter-State Agreement on the project between State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.

Linking of rivers in Tamil Nadu

3646. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: